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LETTER OF INQUIRY

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated May 23, 2001 (Paper No. 6).

In that Office Action the Examiner relies on U.S. Patent No. 5,350,331 to Glickman. However, insofar as Applicants can determine, this reference was not previously cited by the Examiner nor by Applicants nor has the Examiner provided Applicants with a copy of the same. In view of the fact that there is another Glickman patent of record, Applicants are inquiring as to whether there is an error in the rejection or whether the Examiner intended to rely on a newly cited reference.

Clarification would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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